

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification to amend or delete the particular paragraphs as identified below:

On page 1, please amend the third paragraph as follows:

Then, as shown in "Fig. 78, Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 5-65166 has disclosed a following mechanism. That is, right and left side plates 30' are formed of rubber or thermoplastic resin such that each of their cross sections indicates S shape so as to form inward and outward folded-back groove portions 31' and 8'. Then, an outer edge portion of each of the right/left fastener tapes 2' is inserted into the inward folded-back groove portion 31', and pressed and fitted. Further a cloth 16' of the opening edge portion of a bag is inserted into the outward folded-back groove portion 8' and sewed together with the side plate 30' so as to form the opening of the bag.

On page 4, please delete the first paragraph on the page beginning with the text "Further preferably."

On page 6 and under the heading "BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS," please delete the paragraph beginning with the text "Fig. 5."

Please amend the sentence beginning with "Fig. 6" to read "Fig. 56 is a sectional view showing a condition before a reinforcement member is bonded to the fastener chain."

Please amend the sentence beginning with "Fig. 7" to read "Fig. 67 is a schematic perspective view showing a manufacturing process of the slide fastener."

Please amend the sentence beginning with "Fig. 8" to read "Fig. 78 is a sectional view of a well-known slide fastener."

On page 8, please delete the first paragraph beginning with the text "The reinforcement member 5" and the subsequent paragraph beginning with the text "As shown in Fig. 5."

On page 9, please amend the second paragraph as follows:

"The slide fastener bonded to the reinforcement member 5 needs to be performed with water-repellent treatment with water-repellent material such as silicone if it is used in, for example, a water-proof case or the like. In this case, before the reinforcement member 5 is bonded to the fastener tape 2 as shown in Fig. 56, the thermal welding resin film 13 covered with a separation film 14 is attached to the surface of the fastener tape 2. This fastener chain 1 is dipped into a treatment bath containing water-repellent material so as to perform water-repellent treatment to the fastener tape 2 and the fastener elements 3. After this water-repellent treatment is performed, the separation film 14 is peeled off. Consequently, any water-repellent material which blocks adhesion is not attached to the surface of the thermal welding resin film 13 so as to bond the fastener tape 2 to the reinforcement member 5 firmly. Meanwhile, the water-repellent material may be sprayed to the fastener chain 1 with a spray nozzle so as to perform the water-repellent treatment."

On page 10, please amend the last paragraph as follows:

"Next, the manufacturing method of the slide fastener of the invention will be described. As shown in Fig. 67, vinyl chloride resin containing nitrile rubber is extruded out of an extruding die 20 of an extrusion molding machine using and the reinforcement

member 5 having an appropriate shape is molded and transferred to a pressing roll 21.

A melting temperature of the reinforcement member 5 at the extruding and pressing time thereof is about 180 to 200°C. On the other hand, in the continuous fastener chain 1, the thermal welding resin film 13 made of modified polyester resin having a thickness of 60 μ , width of 10 mm, and melting point of 130 to 140°C is fused to both side edges of the surface of the fastener tape 2 by heating with pressure and then, the fastener tape 2 is transferred in a condition in which this thermal welding resin film 13 is exposed on the surface of the continuous fastener chain 1. The temperature of the reinforcement member 5 extruded from the extruding die 20 is set to about 150°C on the pressing roll 21. While the reinforcement member 5 maintains a high temperature, the thermal welding resin film 13 attached to the fastener chain 1 is pressed by the pressing roll 20, so that the thermal welding resin film 13 is melted by heat from the reinforcement member 5 so as to bond the reinforcement member 5 with the fastener tape 2. After the bonding, the continuous fastener chain 1 is transferred to a cooling water bath 22 and cooled there. Consequently, the fastener chain 1 having the reinforcement member 5 is completed. Instead of fusing the thermal welding resin film to the fastener tape, it is permissible to paste the thermal welding film to a fastener tape having adhesiveness. Alternatively, it is permissible to transfer the thermal welding resin film separately from the fastener tape to the pressing roll and introduce it to between the fastener tape and the reinforcement member when both merge.”

As the above-described amendments delete matter from the specification, the amended specification includes no new matter.